

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Thursday, December 6, 2007      9:00 a.m.      519 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Accavitti, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Accavitti, Mayes, Brown, Clemente, Ebli, Hammon, Hopgood, Lemmons, Lindberg, Melton, Miller, Nofs, Palsrok, Garfield, Huizenga, Moolenaar, Horn, Opsommer.

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representative Angerer.

Representative Nofs made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of December 5, 2007. No objections being offered, the minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

Mayor George Heartwell, representing the City of Grand Rapids, spoke to the Committee regarding proposed legislation concerning a renewable portfolio standard.

Representative Mayes and Representative Palsrok discussed legislation being developed regarding a renewable portfolio standard (RPS), how recommendations were formulated, and the goal of not having adverse utility rates in Michigan. Also discussed were existing incineration, renewable energy credits, behavior incentives, and alternative compliance measures.

Cards indicating an interest in proposed RPS legislation were submitted by:

Andy Such, representing the Michigan Sustainable Energy Coalition

Donald Johns, representing the Michigan Independent Power Producing Association

Jennifer Alvarado, representing the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association

Rich VanderVeen, representing Mackinaw Power

Jan O'Connell, representing the Sierra Club Michigan Chapter

Representative Miller made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Accavitti declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:30 a.m.

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Representative Frank Accavitti, Jr., Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk  
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